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SUBJECT: SPECULATION IN ROC PRESS REGARDING DCM SULLIVAN

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF REPORT APPEARING  
ON MARCH 17 IN TAIPEI'S CHINESE LANGUAGE /CHUNG KUO  
SHIH PAO" (CHINA TIMES). IT WAS WRITTEN BY CORRESPONDENT  
FU CHIEN-CHUNG.

2. QUOTE: MR. ROGER W. SULLIVAN, DCM OF THE U.S.  
EMBASSY IN THE ROC, IS CONCURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON FOR  
HOME CONSULTATION. HE HAS CONSULATED WITH OFFICIALS  
OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON SEVERAL QUESTIONS,  
INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

MR. SULLIVAN, WHO RETURNED TO WASHINGTON LAST WEEKEND,  
HAS ALREADY HELD TALKS WITH RICHARD HOLBROOKE, ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS,  
AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.  
IN FACT, SULLIVAN RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AT THE INVITA-  
TION OF HOLBROOKE. OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE ACKNOWLEDGED IT WAS UNUSUAL THAT A DEPUTY CHIEF  
OF MISSION WOULD RETURN FOR HOME CONSULTATIONS BUT THEY  
POINTED OUT THAT HOLBROOKE WAS INCLINED TO DO THINGS  
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NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 'STANDING PRACTICE.'

SULLIVAN WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON UNTIL NEXT WEEK. THEN  
HE WILL RETURN TO HIS POST IN TAIPEI. BEGINNING NEXT  
WEEK, HE WILL HOLD TALKS WITH THE OFFICIALS OF OTHER  
DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF DEFENSE.

IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED HERE THAT SULLIVAN'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR HOME CONSULTATION PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE FUTURE PERSONNEL TRANSFERS OF THE BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. FOR INSTANCE, WILLIAM GLEYSTEN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, WILL BE GIVEN A NEW OVERSEAS POST NEXT SUMMER-PROBABLY AN AMBASSADORIAL POST- AND U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES NEWSOM WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO SUCCEED PHILIP C. HABIB AS UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE BECAUSE HABIB HAS RESIGNED BECAUSE OF POOR HEALTH.

IT IS PREDICTED HERE THAT SULLIVAN, WHO HAS RICH EXPERIENCE IN EAST-WEST AFFAIRS, PROBABLY WILL BE GIVEN A NEW JOB.

WHEN TALKING ABOUT THE NATURE OF SULLIVAN'S CURRENT TRIP, OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT THE TRIP HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CHANGES IN U-SROC RELATIONS OR CONSIDERATION OF SUCH CHANGES.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE TALK BETWEEN SULLIVAN AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HOLBROOKE CONCENTRATED ON US-ROC RELATIONS, AN OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF STATE REPLIED, 'NOT NECESSARILY.' AMBASSADOR UNGER, WHO RECENTLY MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS GLEYSTEN IN HONG KONG, PROBABLY WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON FOR HIS ANNUAL HOME CONSULTATION THIS FALL. BUT THE OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SAID NO DECISION ON THIS MATTER HAD BEEN MADE. UNQUOTE. UNGER

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